incurred by the Society to me for underwriting, etc., have supplied 1000 seed to the Seed Bank, given away about 100 plants over the state, established communication in foreign countries, and spent $30.00 in long distance calls, and I want you to know I have enjoyed every single minute of it since I have been in office.

.....W. Bruce Parnell, President
1955-1957

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The past year has been a very successful and a most progressive year for the American Hibiscus Society. Throughout the year, in cooperation with the Officers and Directors of the AHS, we have tried in every way to be of assistance to the chapters and to the individual members of the Society.

Our general correspondence has increased to an average of ten to twelve letters per day - required information may be one to two pages - giving details of the Society, dues and Program material.

Five new chapters have been organized and one re-organized.

I have attended all Executive Meetings, Quarterly Board Meetings and have sent notices of all meetings to all officers, directors, directors-at-large and chapter chairmen.

I have visited all chapters in the State of Florida except Daytona Beach and Tropical Hibiscus Chapters. My heavy schedule has not permitted my acceptance of all invitations.

I have given twenty two programs to A. H. S. Chapters, Garden Clubs and small groups interested in hibiscus over the State of Florida, three Radio Programs and was on T-V once.

I have driven 9,860 miles over the State covering meetings, flower shows and program work.

I have attended all flower shows and judged in all A. H. S. shows this past year.

Records show that I have mimeographed 296,430 sheets of Instructions or information mailed to chapters and members-at-large this past year. This figure, of course, includes four quarterly bulletins averaging 4 to 24 sheets each, mimeographed, assembled and mailed to all members. I would like to thank Kitty Fogle for her untiring assistance in making it possible for me to get out your Bulletin and all other mimeographed material mailed from this office.

I have cooperated with all chapters that have called on me for programs or general instructions requested by the Chairman and different committees.

This past year has been filled with surprises - Letters from India, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Australia. These letters are on file and if any member is interested in reading them, please advise me.

In closing my report for the year, I would like to make the following statement: In order to satisfy obligations incurred by the Society and underwritten by members and officers, we can proudly announce that seventy five percent (75%) of this indebtedness has